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The day's skiing in the sun and cold air, the bath, the good meal and the drinks make the world a pretty wonderful place. That is the joy of skiing — its unique asset. It is all the frame of mind that skiing puts you in.

And it is in this frame of mind that I join the staff of *SKI MAGAZINE* in wishing all Ski readers good skiing and a very Merry Christmas.

THE PUBLISHER

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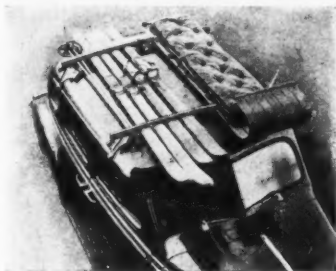
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Detroit, Michigan

Really Sir, (or Madam), the models are not phony! Hope you enjoyed the full-page photos in November 15 and December 1 issues. — ED.

Teh, Teh

I have read the soupy letters from subscribers who turn themselves inside-out to say how wonderful your publication is, and although you probably won't dare publish this, I want to tell you how I feel about Ski Magazine. In one syllable words, *it stinks*. The acid-tongued editor who writes the remarks after the letters ought to have his mouth washed out with carbolic soap. The fashion editor ought to try and wear some of the things he talks about. The cartoon editor should try and cultivate a sense of humour, and the picture editor should go back to his Baby Brownie. . . .

DONALD FAIRBANKS

Trenton, N. J.

Ho-hum, there's one born every minute. — ED.

Improvement

What happened to you people? The first issue was terrible, but the second issue was the best ever — far better than anything last year, and far better than SKI ILLUSTRATED and SKI NEWS. Keep up the good work, and keep on improving.

RICHARD ALCOTT

Fairfield, Conn.

Will do. — ED.

Please, Dad

I am at school now and am on an allowance. I don't get very much, and I don't have enough to get a subscription. I was given one last year, and would like to have it again this year. Please enter me for a year's subscription and send the bill to my father. . .

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Rhona's Choice

I have noted in the November issue of SKI MAGAZINE that Rhona Gillis is included in the list of the Canadian girls who will ski in the World Championships for Canada. I have also heard rumblings from the Rocky Mountain Ski Association that there is some confusion in this regard.

I would like to take this opportunity to help straighten this matter out. Rhona Gillis wrote me a letter which I quote in part: "Since it is a matter of choice, I have thought it over carefully, and have decided I would like to ski on the American team . . . and I shall be very proud to ski for the United States."

Your first issue is swell!

CORTLAND T. HILL

Los Angeles, Calif.

Many thanks to Mr. Hill, General Chairman of the National Ski Association of America and member of the 1950 FIS Team Committee, for clarifying this matter. — Ed.

Horse Doctors

Enclosed please find \$2.00 for subscription to your magazine. I have taken SKI MAGAZINE since its inception and have been very satisfied with every issue. What with two skiable weekends last year it gave me a vicarious sort of joy. Got any more horse doctor enthusiasts?

O. L. SMITH

Smith Veterinary Clinic

Pontiac, Michigan

The editors propose a safety measure, designed to encourage less reckless skiing: reader Smith and his fellow horse doctors to patrol the slopes, ready to dispose of skiers with broken legs in the same way that they dispose of race horses with broken legs. — Ed.

Canadian Fans

Somehow we have never just got around to writing and letting you know how much we in Canada have enjoyed your truly outstanding magazine. Everyone to whom I have talked concerning your publication has been very enthusiastic for it and everyone eagerly looks forward to receiving the next issues.

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last ten years in the number of skiers and, of course, ski resorts. We would like to see a larger Canadian section in your magazine. . . .

E. C. WALTON-BALL

Toronto, Ontario

Thanks for suggestion. Be sure and read big Canadian article in this issue.
— Ed.

Never Too Late

A little late, but yet it's never too late for a subscription to *SKI MAGAZINE*. Would you kindly send the subscription to the above address, and if possible I would like to have the magazine sent air mail.

Naturally, there must be a reason for wanting the magazine sent air mail — well, it's distance. And I'm located in what I consider one of the best ski areas in the world, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan. Already we have some skiing snow in the mountains nearby and expect it down here any day now.

I certainly did enjoy last year's issues of *SKI MAGAZINE*, even though I didn't get a chance to ski in Korea (no snow).

GEORGE A. RASULA (Lt.)

APO San Francisco, Calif.

Why not send us some skiing news from Japan? — Ed.

November Cover

That's a nice drawing on the November 15 cover — BUT:

The strap should be short enough to make the butt of the pole nearly level with the surface of thumb and finger. It's dangerous to have the butt project as it can give you a mean poke in the ribs. One man I knew put his eye out that way.

Further, it is impossible to grip a pole with a woolen glove safely — it belongs inside a leather mitt.

There's plenty of nonsense in technically incompetent ski illustrations and ads, but a ski magazine should know better.

FRANK SPRINGER-MILLER

Stowe, Vt.

Reader Springer-Miller has given us a mean poke in the ribs, but he is absolutely correct. He is also a spoil-sport. Who would want a mouldy old leather glove on the cover anyway? — Ed.

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Eastern Areas Primed For Christmaskiers

One of America's oldest ski areas, Franconia, N. H., showed its youthful vigor by building two new trails from the Summit Station to the base of the alpine lift. The alpine lift has been renovated, and the practice slope enlarged.

Paula Kann heads the Thorn Mt. ski school this year. Jackson's Thorn Mt. announces a new practice slope served by a rope tow where night skiing is planned. The 3,900-ft. chair lift serves the area's thousand acres of skiing.

Black Mt. Tramway, also in Jackson, N. H., has a new 4,500-ft. intermediate trail called Spruce Run. The Jackson Ski School will again be run by Arthur Doucette.

Mt. Sunapee State Park, New Hampshire State area, has added a long semi-touring trail. The 3,200-ft. chairlift will start operating December 15, or as soon afterward as there is sufficient snow cover.

New Hampshire's Moosilauke Ravine Lodge, formerly Moosilauke Ravine Camp, has added two trails.

Christmas Hills, a public ski center in Livingston Manor, N. Y., has increased capacity of the two electric rope tows to 1,500 skiers per hour. The center has three slopes and one trail.

Bobsled Run

Saranac Lake is featuring its new Cresta bobsled run this season. Unlike the famous Mount Van Hoevenburg run near Lake Placid, which was built originally for the 1932 Olympics, the Saranac run was designed for one-man "skeleton" sleds which first attained prominence at Cresta, Switzerland.

New York State-owned Whiteface Mountain, in the Adirondacks, has two new rope tows at the 4,500-ft. level, which will serve five new trails. The Ski lodge at the foot of the T-bar lift has been completed and additional shelters built. Whiteface opened last year but, with the drought of snow, the season was a short one. Whiteface opens December 30 this year.

Big Bromley, Manchester, Vt.,

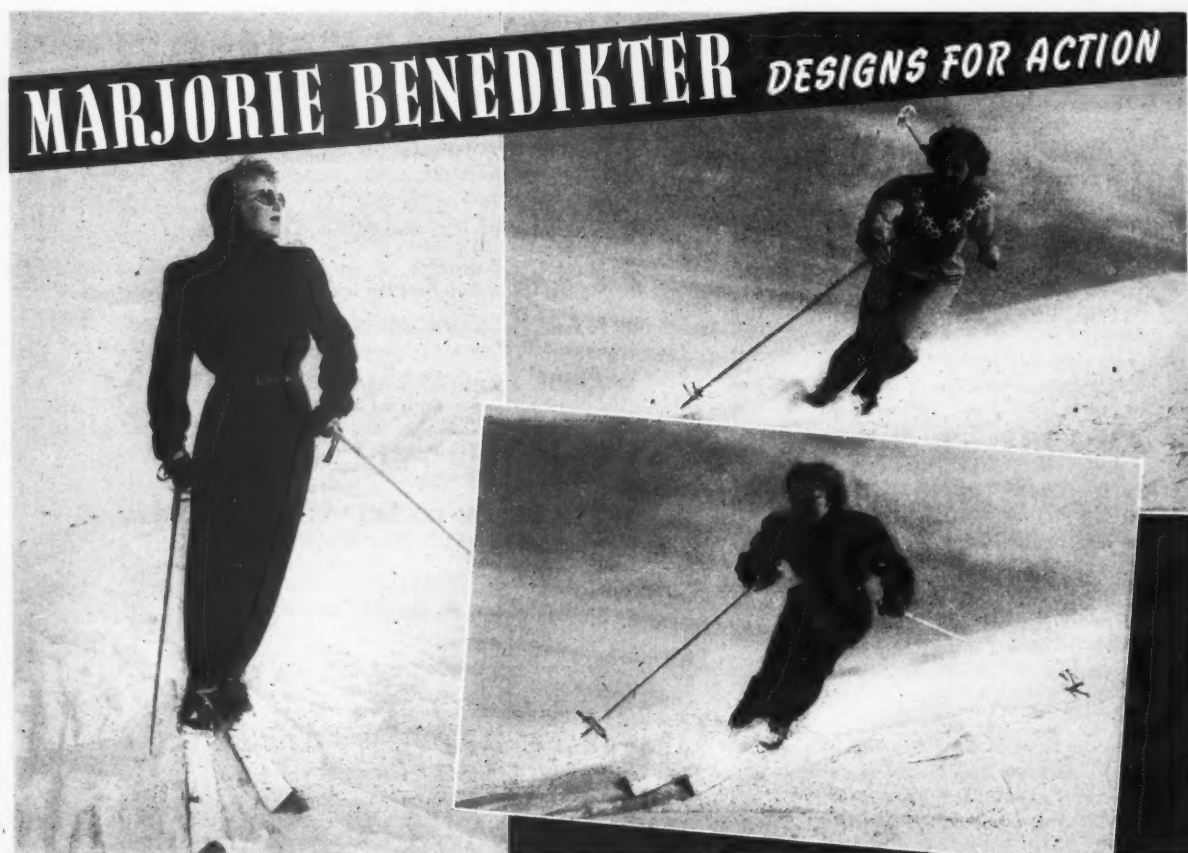
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Snow Valley, Manchester, Vt., is offering organized cross country day and half-day touring trips. Sleigh-riding will also be offered.

When the snow falls, 1,000 feet of new tow rope will move up the East slopes of Town Mountain in Danbury, Conn. The area, known as Madhatter Ski Slopes, will feature night skiing when conditions are good.

Greylock Jump

With many hundred of man (and woman) hours of hard work, members of the Mt. Greylock Ski Club are completing a new 35-meter jump at the club property in South Williamstown, Mass. Both the town and the club have also greatly improved the road to Goodell Hollow so that the New England Interscholastics will be able to be held as scheduled this winter.





How Paul Bunyan Invented Skiing

It isn't in the books, because Paul Bunyan said it was nothing much, and Johnny Inkslinger never wrote it down. But it was the kind of story that people remember, and it's still told all through the western country. If you want to know who invented skiing, it was Paul Bunyan. And it happened like this:

One season, between the Round River Drive and the Winter of the Blue Snow, they were logging up near Two Tree Mountain. This mountain was so high and steep that nobody ever went up it, and so the two pines at the top had a chance to get their full growth — six hundred feet from the ground to the first branches, and you can figure out for yourself how thick they would be through the butt. All clear, hard pine, and maybe a couple of thousand years old. A matched pair like that would look well at the head of the drive, so Paul

By W. A. BREYFOGLE

told a crew to go up and get them.

Well, they tried everything, but that mountain beat them! They'd get up a mile or more and then they'd slide down, and the camp ran out of patches for the seats of their pants. Besides, they got so hungry they had to eat twelve meals a day, and Hot Biscuit Slim threatened to quit as cook. So Paul Bunyan saw that he'd have to go up for those trees himself.

Trees Felled

He had a little trouble on the way up, because eagles kept getting tangled in his beard. But he'd got an early start, and by mid-day he had those trees felled and trimmed. Then he stood there, with his right foot on one trunk and his left on the other, considering how to get them down the mountain. And just then a blizzard

got up and gave him a push and he started to move.

Now, in the camp, they used to grease the griddle for pancakes by fastening sides of bacon to the bull cook's feet and letting him skate around. Paul remembered that, and thought he might skate his logs down the mountain. The spikes in his boots gave him a good grip, and he pulled up a couple of hundred-year-old saplings to help him balance. The way it's always been told out in the western country, that was how skiing began.

You see, it was fifty or a hundred miles down to camp, and the logs soon got worn as smooth as glass. The tips kind of curled up, with the speed Paul was making, and the resin that boiled out was the first wax. Even after the blizzard fell behind, he was making good time. Once, a big rock loomed

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By ELISE FAY HAWTIN

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What makes the 4,000-mile trip worthwhile to so many skiers is, of course, the Parsenn—the far-flung Alpine range which towers above Davos. Long celebrated as the "Magic Mountain" which inspired Thomas Mann's famous novel, the Parsenn is more famous today for its superb ski runs—the longest downhill runs in the Alps. (One can hurtle eight non-

stop miles down one trail.)

No Waiting

Special ski cars of the Rhaetian-bahn mountain rail line circle the vast perimeter of the mountain's base, picking up skiers from the bottom of dozens of different trails and returning them to the foot of the Parsenn funicular, in Davos. This sort of perpetual merry-go-round enables good skiers to get in about 40 miles of downhill skiing a day.

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Do Skiers Today Really Ski?

Arnold Lunn says snobbery is the curse of today's skiing; telemarks are out of fashion, but without them ski mountaineering is impossible.

By ARNOLD LUNN

The Arlberg school created a sensation by abolishing the telemark; the French school created a sensation by abolishing not only the telemark but also the stem; however, the only school which insures the novice against falling is the Lunn School. In my method I leave out the telemark, the stem *and the skis*. Well, perhaps I shan't adopt the Lunn method for another ten years or so.

There are two types of skiing, "Cresta" skiing and ski mountaineering. Everybody has heard of the famous Cresta ice run at St. Moritz, used for bobsledding. "Cresta" skiing is an accurate description of the skiing which consists of racing down the same trail until you are as familiar with every curve on that trail as the Cresta rider is with the famous ice banks "Scylla" and "Charybdis".

Skis For Ice

Ski mountaineering calls for different skis, a different outlook and a different technique than Cresta skiing. It has about as much in common with Cresta skiing as climbing Mont Blanc has with a hundred yard dash.

The skis which are foisted on the unsuspecting novice are specially designed for icy trails. They grip well on ice, but are dangerous in soft snow in which they tend to bury themselves point first.

The modern, ultra-rigid bindings are ideal for parallel turns on hard snow, but are wholly unsuitable for mountaineering. They multiply to a dangerous extent the possibility of a broken leg.

High Casualty Rate

I remember only one skier breaking his leg in the three winters I spent at Adelboden at the beginning of the century. Today, on any winter Sunday, the stretcher parties are busy conveying skiers with broken legs down the Parsenn. Of one party of eleven beginners at a Swiss winter resort last winter only one survived the fortnight without some kind of injury. The price to be paid for rigid control is a matter for the individual to decide.

There is another good reason for using a different binding in the mountains. Nobody denies that in heavy snow the telemark involves less effort than the various varieties of Christianias. It is a sign of a return to common sense that a modern manufacturer of bindings is advertising in the Swiss press a binding which can be adjusted to the maximum of rigidity for trails or loosened to permit telemarks in deep snow.

The historical origin of the bias against the telemark is to be traced to the fact that Hannes Schneider,



ARNOLD LUNN

Often known as the "father of downhill skiing," Arnold Lunn is one of the last of the race of scholar-sportsmen. He is the author of well over thirty books, the subjects of which range from theology to the architecture of Venice, to skiing technique. In this article he has challenged any and all to a debate on the Telemark and "modern" ski technique. SKI MAGAZINE is glad to offer its columns for this purpose.

my old friend, shoved his feet so far into the tow irons that he could not telemark with any comfort. Had the binding to which I have referred been invented twenty-five years ago, the telemark would never have disappeared from the curriculum of the ski schools.

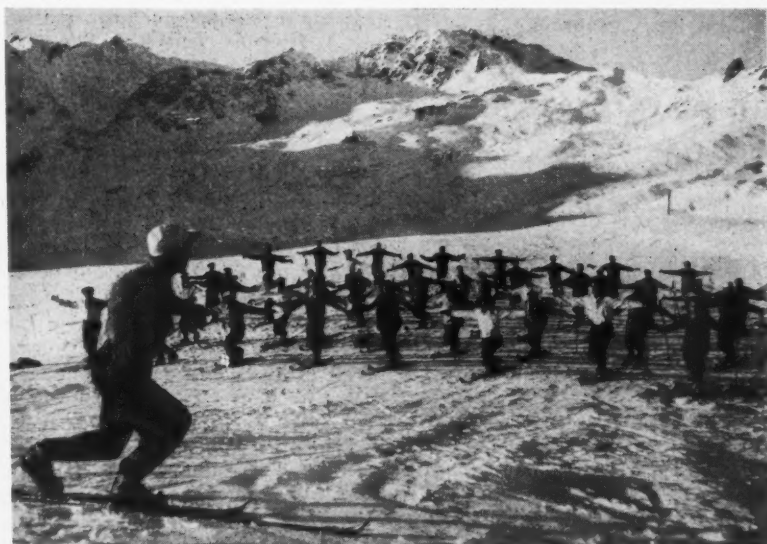
East Is East . . .

Mr. James Laughlin rightly pointed out in your columns that the kind of technique which was all right on the ice trails of your east coast was no use in the heavier snow of Aspen. I welcomed this observation as a recognition of the fact that all this talk of "the modern technique" is nonsense.

If you are prepared to spend your skiing days whistling down icy trails you can get along perfectly well with a very limited and specialized technique; but those for whom skiing is the key to the mountains need not only different equipment but a different and more comprehensive technique.

We hear a lot these days about the "French method" and the "Austrian method" and so on. The only sense in which it is possible to talk about a national school is that centralized

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SCHOOL FOR SKI TEACHERS AT AROSA, SWITZERLAND

How can beginners do this with today's rigid bindings? (Photo Pilet, Arosa)

No! Skiers Are Not Tightwads

By DAN RIDHAM

T. J. Tycoon (T. J. to his friends) has had a hard day's skiing. He's tired, but it's a comfortable sort of tiredness. He slowly eases himself into his evening ski trousers (T. J. has two pairs of ski trousers — one for show and one for snow).

Now for a few quiet rounds of drinks before dinner. Yes, T. J. is blissfully happy, and like most true skiers, he is feeling big-hearted.

Hit him for any charity, be it the Skiers' Benevolent Fund or a collection to clean the white cliffs of Dover after the blue-birds have flown over, and you will hear the rustle of paper rather than the chink of change. You can't tell me that skiers are tightwads.

Look at T. J. when he is planning his skiing holiday. All the store clerk has to do is suggest some skiing gadget and it is sold.

"A dozen assorted waxes, sir?" . . . "Certainly, sir." Ski rack, ski scraper, ski boots, ski tow, ski resort, the Brooklyn Bridge, the skier will buy them all.

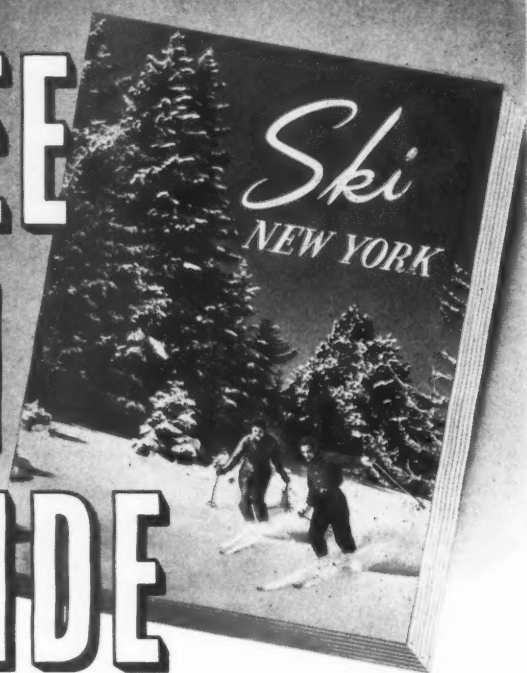
T. J. and all skiers are suckers for local color and atmosphere. The ski train pulls into the resort station. T. J. will spurn the taxi that takes him to his hotel for \$1.50. He takes taxis every day in the city. No, T. J. makes a bee-line for the horse-drawn sleigh, bells and all, which will take him, teeth chattering, to his hotel for a cool \$7.50.

Skiing Souvenirs

T. J., who hasn't bought a box of chocolates since last Christmas, sees a box with a snow scene on the top, and buys a couple. He sees jars of honey called "Alpine Sweet" and buys a jar or two for various maiden aunts, getting several, of course, for his own use. He buys a calendar full of skiing scenes — it'll look nice in the office. He sees a little dog on skis, carved out of wood, and buys it to put on his study mantelpiece. In short, anything that suggests skiing, an avid skier will buy.

In the November 1 issue of SKI MAGAZINE was a letter from L. M. Vonel, proprietor of a restaurant near a ski resort. Vonel was full of sound and fury over the tightwad skiers. The letter on this page is a rebuttal. Is Vonel right in saying that skiers pinch pennies, or is Ridham right when he says skiers are a big-hearted race?

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The Saga of Joe

By BETTY HOWE

I

Around the fireplace we sat
And scorched our sox and chewed the fat
And in the fire's waning glow
We heard the tale of skier Joe.
He learned to ski the Austrian way,
Improved his snowplow day by day
He spread his legs and bent his knee
And always rode his downhill ski.
And then, one day, a portly guy
Hailed Joe as he was stemming by
"My boy," he said, "don't ski like ziss!"
"The way you want to ski is SWISS!"



II

Says Joe to Joe "Perhaps he's right,
This stemming business looks a fright!
I'll try to keep 'em parallel.
The girls will think I look just swell!
It won't take long to get the knack
Once I get used to leaning back."
He practised this new way of turning
And years went by with Joe *still* learning.
And then, just short of victory,
He met a gal from gay Paree
Who said to him, this comely wench,
"I sink you really should ski FRENCH."



III

"Allez!" cried Joe, "Toot sweet, Oui, Oui!
Here is ze perfect way to ski!"
So right away, our hero planned
Some counter-clockwise lessons and
From such Ruade beginnings, found
He could, at last, Rotate around
And Block a bit and Follow Through
And kick a tired Horse-kick too.
And then, one dark and dismal day,
He heard a bearded stranger say
"Your style is only fair, my friend
And you will find that, in the end,
The LATVIAN way to ski is best
And will be used from east to west."



IV

"Enough!" howled Joe and went beserk
And rolled his eyes and foamed, poor jerk.
"A Pox on all this stuff!" screamed he
And tore his hair and bit a tree.
"Ten years of work and tears and sweat
And, after all, what do I get?!"
Ten whole, long years and, like this verse,
My skiing's getting worse and worse!
If I persist in using skis
Some day I'll have to ski Chinese!
Enough! Enough! As of this day
I ski just plain ol' U. S. A.!"

From Laurentians To Rockies

Canadians Spend Millions To Develop Ski Playgrounds

Canada, winter host to thousands of U. S. skiers, was never better prepared than this year for their arrival.

In the past few months millions of dollars have been invested in facilities for the sport by ski hotel, chalet and lodge operators. From the Laurentians to the Rockies new ski centers have sprung into being, and the established ones have been materially improved. In the Laurentians alone about three million dollars have been spent on ski tows and trails, and there has been corresponding attention paid to highways and accommodations.

Blue Ribbon Laurentians

The Laurentian area, most highly concentrated ski development of the New World, draws the biggest numbers of ski vacationists. This ski domain of two thousand square miles begins at Shawbridge, forty miles north of Montreal, and extends fifty miles further north to Mont Tremblant and St. Jovite.

More than one thousand miles of maintained ski trails thread through the French-Canadian countryside, all of them connected to the hundred-mile Maple Leaf Trail, running from Shawbridge to beyond Mont Tremblant.

Frozen Imports

Edmonton, capital of the Canadian province of Alberta, has one of the coldest climates in North America — but no snow. This, however, is but a small obstacle in the path of the Edmonton Ski Club. An ingenious Edmonton businessman named Otto has a snow-blowing monster which he loads with snow at the nearest of nature's depositories, and then spouts the white stuff all over the Edmonton Ski Club hill and on the club jumping scaffold. We don't know Otto's last name, but suspect it is Ulla.

Most of Canada's blue ribbon ski events are run off in the Laurentians at Mont Tremblant, St. Jovite, Ste. Agathe and Ste. Marguerite. There are fast downhill courses at Mont Tremblant and St. Jovite, jumps at Christieville and Ste. Marguerite, and trail skiing at St. Jovite. Good cross-country touring and open-slope running can be found at Shawbridge, St. Sauveur, Piedmont, Morin Heights, Ste. Adele and Mont Rolland.

Farther east and north lie three additional major ski centers, practically at the doorstep of Quebec City. Lac Beauport, Valcartier and Mont Ste. Anne, though newer than eastern Laurentian ski playgrounds, have developed fast, and now boast excellent uphill facilities as well as exciting trails. Lac Beauport is the headquarters of Fritz Loosli, instructor in the controversial parallel ski method.

Easy Transportation

One of the big advantages of Quebec skiing is its accessibility. Being near Montreal and Quebec City, the slopes are within easy train ride from these big cities and are served by a network of highways, used by bus companies serving these regions.

Ontario skiing is little publicized but well established. With the largest membership of any ski club in the world, the Toronto Ski Club, twelve miles north of the city, is Ontario's principal ski development. Sprawling over more than a thousand acres, the club grounds have fifty miles of mapped trails, seven lodges and floodlit night skiing.

The Huntsville region, 140 miles north of Toronto, has mixed skiing, including a jump at Mica Mine Hill.

At the head of the Great Lakes is the Port Arthur-Fort William region, with Mt. McKay and Mt. Baldy offering slopes, trails and a 180-foot jump.

Canada's most spectacular skiing is found in Alberta and British Columbia amid the rugged peaks of the Rockies where snow is often twenty feet deep and three-mile downhill runs a mile wide are not uncommon.

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Mt. Assiniboine, Canada's Matterhorn

Spring skiing means powder snow in Canadian Rockies (Photo by Ron Duke)

Picture Opposite

Canada's Laurentians make the setting for the dramatic photograph on the opposite page. In the heart of the Province of Quebec, the Laurentians offer concentrated, but varied skiing.

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Canada Makes Bid For Skiing Supremacy

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The ski wonderland around Banff, Alberta, is beginning to glow as it never has glowed before. It is as though the Banff terrain knew that the great day is approaching.

That day will be February 25, 1950, when the North American ski championships are launched with an entry list which officials expect to be one of the starriest in the history of this classic test of ski skill.

Core of the action during the meet

will be the rugged slopes of Mt. Norquay, an 8,000-foot peak which has been the scene in other years of national and international ski jousting.

Norquay ski pro Harvey Clifford, former ace with Canadian Olympic ski teams, spent most of the late summer and fall supervising the laying out of the new course. It was one of the most formidable ski-engineering jobs ever tackled in Alberta's play-

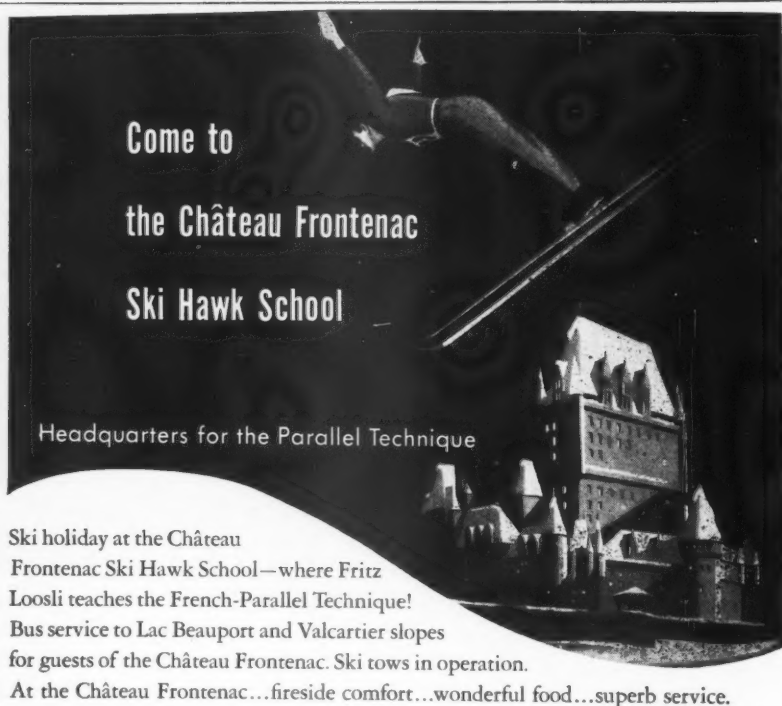
ground, but it's completed now and promises to be the toughest downhill test in Canada.

In British Columbia photogenic Mt. Assiniboine makes a background for spectacular spring skiing in soft powder snow. Mt. Revelstoke provides excellent Alpine skiing and a ski jump on a natural hill. An hour from Vancouver is cabin-dotted Grouse Mountain, with its new mile-long, double-seated chair lift.

Jump Planned

A great deal of work is being done on Vancouver's Mt. Seymour. The whole area has been made into a park, and cabins are springing up all over the slopes of this 4,900-foot mountain. A road is in the process of being completed which will make the cabin areas easily accessible by car. A large jump is planned as well as extensive uphill facilities.

It seems that the entire breadth of Canada, from New Brunswick to Vancouver's Forbidden Plateau, overlooking the Pacific Ocean, is geared to a lot of skiing — and lot of snow.



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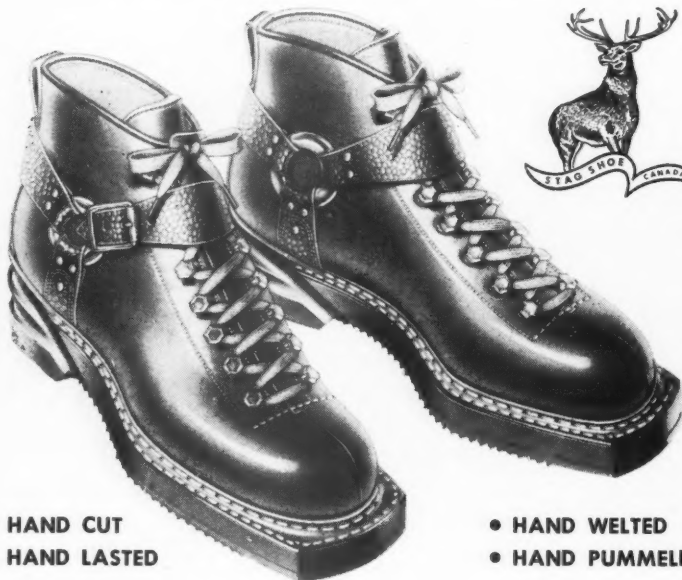
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A. Radcliffe Mothball

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1. Finished with skiing for the day, you leave the tow, climb the hill to the lodge, and
 - (1) take off your skis.
 - (2) take off your boots.
 - (3) take off your sunglasses.
 - (4) take off your false whiskers.
2. As you enter the lodge you accidentally flatten the face of J. Irvington Codfish III with the tails of your skis. The correct apology is
 - (1) "Out of my way, fathead."
 - (2) "I'm so sorry. Did it hurt?"
 - (3) "Ha-ha, old boy, that's one on you."
 - (4) "The face is familiar, but I don't recall the name."
3. Upstairs in your room you get ready for a hot bath, but there is no hot water. Therefore you
 - (1) call the management.
 - (2) call the chambermaid.
 - (3) call for a bottle of Vat 69.
 - (4) If you get the last two and you still want a bath, take a cold one. You'll never know the difference.
4. At dinner the waitress spills hot soup down your neck. You
 - (1) scream.
 - (2) laugh.
 - (3) curse in a refined way.
 - (4) say, "The face is familiar, but I don't recall the name."
5. After dinner a lissom blonde offers to buy you a drink at the bar. You
 - (1) scream.
 - (2) faint.
 - (3) say, "So sorry, but I forgot my water-wings this weekend."
 - (4) say, "The face is familiar, but I don't recall the name."
6. Everyone in the lodge has gone to bed but you. You should
 - (1) turn the radio on full blast.
 - (2) practice *Geländesprunge*.
 - (3) pass out on the sofa.
 - (4) look in a mirror. The face will be familiar, but you won't recall the name.

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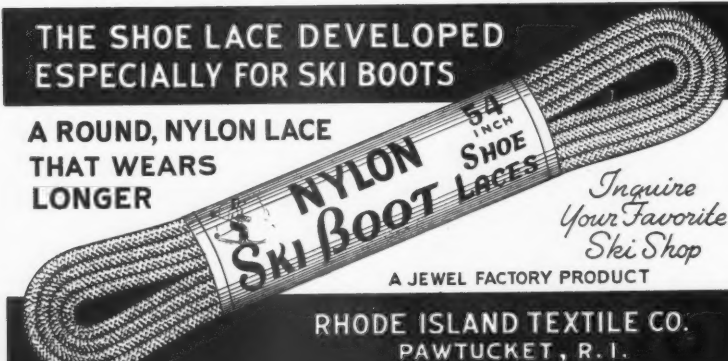
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Do Skiing Husbands Neglect Their Wives?

SKI MAGAZINE's editors across the country became inquiring reporters for this issue and have discovered that a number of ski wives have a strong complaint they'd like voiced. *They feel they are neglected!*

Some of the gals did say they don't mind their husbands taking off for a Sunday or a weekend of skiing, because it gives the wives a chance "to visit the folks or see friends."

Least Complaining

Least complaining of those interviewed were the skiing wives, most of whom said they are as enthusiastic about the sport as their husbands. But even the gal enthusiasts have some gripes.

Non-skiing wife Adele Hartfield of Boston voices what she thinks of skiing husbands. "As soon as the snow comes I might as well make up my mind that I won't see my husband on a weekend until the spring thaw sets in!"

"I once suggested to him that one weekend he go skiing and the next, we do something I like to do, go to a show or go visiting. He said that was a good idea, but I'm still waiting for him to remember about our agreement."

No Hardship

The skiing wives are really enthusiasts and don't find early Sunday risings a hardship.

Genevieve O'Conner, Olympia, Washington, said she would like to ski. "But we have two small children, and who do you think looks after them on weekends when the skiing is good? Not my husband, Roger."

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New Publication Covers Business Side of Skiing

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For the benefit of newcomers to the sport, it might be helpful to mention the names of all the ski publications in the United States:

American Ski Annual, Barre, Mass.; Ski Sport, 3742 West Galena St., Milwaukee 8, Wis.; Eastern Skier, 1384 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, Mass.; Intermountain Ski Review, Box 302, Jackson, Wyoming; Rocky Mountain Skiing, 1269 Krameria St., Denver, Colo.; Skier's Informant, 101 West Burnside St., Portland, Oregon; California-Nevada Ski News, 967 Lincoln Way, Auburn, Calif.; California Skier, 1121 College St., Modesto, Calif.; and Winter Sports News, 177 Williams St., New York City. Oh, yes, we almost forgot to mention the one you are reading, which is a consolidation of Ski News, Ski Illustrated and Western Skiing, now published from Hanover, N. H.

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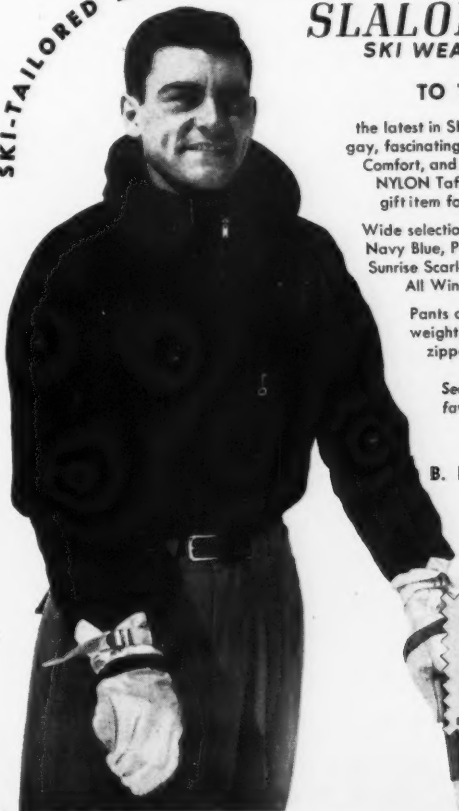
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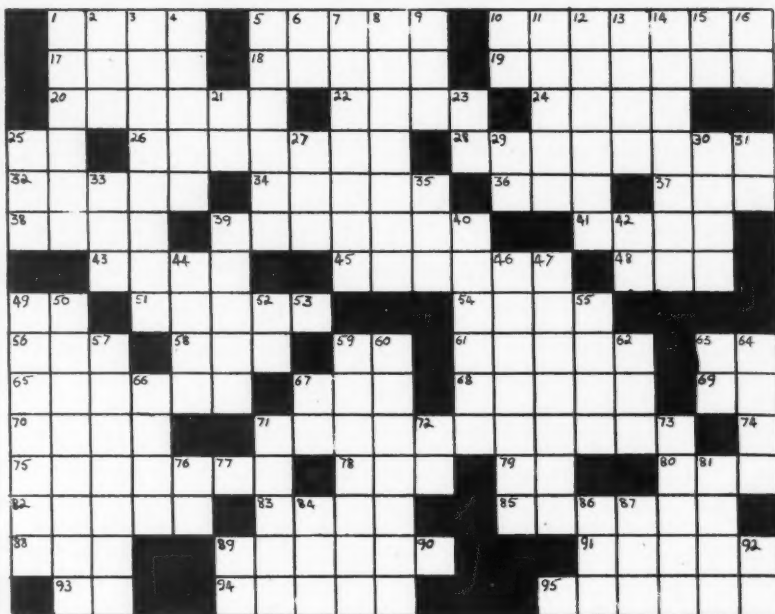
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Skiers' Crossword Puzzle

By HARVEY CLIFFORD



ACROSS

1. Ice crystals.
5. U. S. Olympic jumper. (*Poss.*)
10. Austrian Olympic racer. (*Poss.*)
17. Scandinavian ski wax.
18. Habitat of Eskimos.
19. Home of Ski Magazine.
20. Summit of anything. (*Pl.*)
22. Pointed instrument. (*Pl.*)
24. Knowlton, Engen, Lang, Oreiller. (*Initials*)
25. Atomic. (*Abbrev.*)
26. Top U. S. Olympic racer. (*Salt Lake City skier*)
28. Olympic Alpine winner, 1948. (*French*)
32. Home of Olympian Gene Gillis. (*Poss.*)
34. Fish-eating animal with dark-brown fur.
36. Answer. (*Abbrev.*)
37. Vancouver, New Orleans, Yakima. (*Initials*)
38. Gasoline.
39. New York State Ski Technique. (*Poss.*)
41. Vehicle made for sliding on snow.
43. Girl's name.
45. First name of Italy's famous Miss Seghi.
48. Donkey.
49. Fort Knox. (*Initials*)
51. Part of a roof.
54. Solitary.
56. Rural Electrification Administration. (*Abbrev.*)
58. Human beings.
59. California city. (*Abbrev.*)
61. True. (*French*)
63. U. S. 1950 FIS coach from Denver. (*Initials*)
65. French name. (*Poss.*)
67. World Championships. (*Abbrev.*)
68. Wide-mouthed jugs.
69. Temperance Society. (*Abbrev.*)
70. Part of staircase.

71. The right to judge and decide.
74. Capital of Ontario. (*Initial*)
75. Girl's name. (*Poss.*)
78. Hurried.
79. Long Island. (*Initials*)
80. Rodent.
82. Royal Canadian Officers Training Corps. (*Abbrev.*)
83. Fuel.
85. State in U. S.
88. American Magazine.
89. Illinois City.
91. Wartime invention for submarine defense.
93. Yard. (*Abbrev.*)
94. In New York City (*Last three words abbrev.*)
95. Breakfast food.

DOWN

1. Metal runners for gliding on ice.
2. Sudden sharp cold.
3. Exerted to excess.
4. Sliding substance used on ski bottoms. (*Pl.*)
5. Sagacity.
6. Rhona Gillis. (*Abbrev.*)
7. Springy.
8. Not anywhere.
9. Solomon. (*Abbrev.*)
10. Eastern U. S. ski state.
11. The old ——— bucket.
12. Granitelike rock.
13. Lounge.
14. Develops by evolution.
15. Rupee. (*Abbrev.*)
16. Senior. (*Abbrev.*)
21. Editor. (*Abbrev.*)
23. Therefore.
25. Former U. S. President's Christian name.
27. Indiana, Texas, Pennsylvania. (*Initials*)
29. Royal Academy. (*Abbrev.*)
30. Closes.

DOWN (Cont.)

31. Railway. (Abbrev.)
33. National Ski Association. (Abbrev.)
35. Relating. (Abbrev.)
39. Married name of Rhoda Wurtele.
40. Metal
42. The. (French)
44. Nominate.
46. Connecticut city.
47. Blood condition.
49. U. S. Olympic champion. (Poss.)
50. U. S. State.
52. In. (Prefix)
53. Olympian Knowlton's first initial.
55. Part of Ireland.
57. Pertaining to throat.
59. Collection of books.
60. Native of Asia.
62. Ski School Norquay. (Initials)
63. Ladies World Champion skater's first two initials.
64. Top U. S. racer now at Whitefish.
66. Reinalter, Panisset, Isberg, Thoul-
liers. (Initials)
67. Former U. S. President's Initials.
71. Site of 1950 World Championships
(Downhill and slalom)
72. Ton (Abbrev.)
73. Exchange.
76. Ski race. (Abbrev.)
77. Initial of America's all-time best
four-way skier.
81. Continent.
84. Age.
86. Norway, Argentina, England. (Ab-
brev.)
87. Soviet Socialist Republic. (Abbrev.)
89. Philippine Islands. (Abbrev.)
90. French world champion's initials.
92. Chlorine. (Abbrev.)
95. Congress. (Abbrev.)

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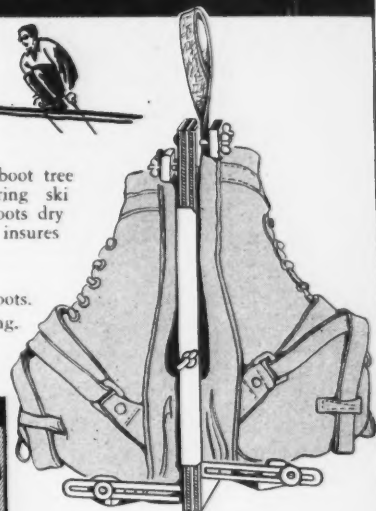
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Lunn Challenges The Experts: Snobbery Made Telemark Vanish

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control may force teachers to conform to the dogmas of the central committee.

But the teacher of genius is a born nonconformist. Already in France the Oreiller school is not identical with the James Couttet school. An attempt was made in Switzerland to restrict by legal processes a particular teacher from developing a ski school in accordance with his own ideas. Fortunately, this attempt failed.

Fashionable Beginners

Moreover, the principle of the customer always being right applies to ski schools. The Swiss Ski School resisted for many years the anti-telemark fashion. "We know very well," a leading member of the governing committee said to me, "that the telemark is a turn the mountaineer ought to master, and that a beginner will learn to telemark in soft snow much more quickly than he will learn any variety of stem christiania in soft snow, and we agree that the sad decline of soft snow skiing is largely due to the decline of the telemark. But what can a ski teacher do if the beginner insists on being taught the fashionable turns?"

Snobbery is the great curse of skiing and if there were arguments for the disappearance of the telemark other than for reasons of fashion, I should like to debate them point by point. The challenge is open, and the Editor of this paper with its pleasant controversial tradition might provide me with a chance to debate the telemark in his columns, provided and provided only that he can get anybody to accept my challenge.

Decadence Of Skiing

The boycott of the telemark, the rigid bindings which aggravate the chance of accident, and the silly fashion which ranks skiers not in accordance with their all-round ability on all types of snow but solely in accordance with their speed on standard Cresta runs are contributory factors in the decadence of skiing.

Lastly I must mention the decline of straight running. This is partly due to the passion for piste (or trail) skiing. In the old days at Mürren every skier looked for soft snow and chose a new straight line down from Hogs

Back or the summit of Lone Tree. Gradually the slope got packed — a uniform process. Now after every new snow-fall a guide makes a curving trail for his pupils to follow. The banks of this trail get hard and rutty



(Photo Schonwetter)

No More Straight Tracks?

so that it is suicide to ski straight down across them. Consequently one hardly ever sees a fine straight track.

Mr. James Palmer-Tomkinson, one of our finest racers, and winner of international competitions, writes about the joys of straight running and its present decline. He goes on as follows: "I can't rid myself of the feeling that an attempt (possibly subconscious) is being made to make our skiing into a nice gentle sport for the masses; to draw the tiger's teeth, so to speak. It is, after all, in a mass-produced and physically easy age, one of the few remaining sports that still demands and develops man's more attractive qualities. The endless sausage machine one sees today following the instructor down the mountain is to me far too reminiscent of a nationalized industry." Palmer-Tomkinson goes on to say that it may not be long before we are made to take a test before we are allowed to go up the mountain, and before we have a speed limit to adhere to on the way down.

Finally let me say just this. The important thing about a teacher is not whether he is Swiss or French or Austrian but whether he is a good teacher or a bad one. Good teachers are rare, but they are to be found in all countries.

Long Alpine Runs Specialty Of Davos

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The Parsenn funicular itself whisks skiers to the top of the Weiss fluh-joch, two and one-half miles up, in a flat twenty minutes. And no frost-bitten queue forms at the bottom, since the funicular takes off every ten minutes, carrying thousands of skiers in a few hours time.

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Eye-Opener

Infinite in variety are the trails themselves. For the first eye-opener of the day there are the steep, perpendicular drops to Davos — the Dorf talli, paralleling the funicular or the plunging Meierhofertalli ravine trail. For scenery lovers there is the breath-taking descent, under magnificent natural rock arcades, through the Strela Pass.

Here, on these long Alpine runs, the skier discovers a Switzerland the average tourist will never see — a startled bevy of deer drinking from a mountain stream, isolated alpine chalets with icicles dripping like sugar icing from their chocolate-brown eaves, smocked children hustling flocks of indignant geese through the twisting streets of a mountain hamlet.

Day Ski Trips

For those not averse to climbing there are all day ski trips, Davos being ideally situated within easy skiing distance of Arosa, a few hours by train from St. Moritz.

Beginners, on the other hand, have two practice slopes, four ski lifts and the Schatzalp funicular. The ski school, which is the largest in Switzerland, has over fifty instructors, holds simultaneous classes at each end of town.

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Davos Night Life In Candle-Lit Cafés

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on Davos's super ice rinks (the largest in Europe). Most skiers, however, head straight for Schneider's tearoom, world famous for its tortelletes, marzipan cake and hazelnut kuchen as well as for the enormous charm of Rosita, its honeyblonde proprietress.

Window shopping along Davos's rambling main street ranks high as an after-ski sport, too. There is plenty here to please the tourist heart — cuckoo clocks, music boxes, wood carvings and the peerless, wafer-thin Swiss watches.

Open Fires

Davos is a skier's town — and it keeps skiers' hours. The hotels all have their tea dances and gala balls. But life after dark centers in small *gemütlichkeit* cafés like the Chami Bar, with its candle-lit tables and open hearth fire.

Spring skiing is at its peak in late February and early March. And the big event of this special "season within a season" is the Parsenn Derby, the longest downhill race in the Alps. The Derby Ball, held afterwards at the Belvedere, is one of the few "must" occasions for Davos visitors.

When last winter, an unusually mild one, found even Switzerland short on snow, the Parsenn's slopes were generously covered. Davos, consequently, was crammed to the rafters while other European ski resorts were stranded high and dry in bare pastureland. And this year the people of Davos anticipate an even better season; but no matter how many skiers come, Davos will always stretch every seam to make them truly welcome.

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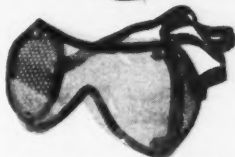
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Paul Bunyan's Skiing Makes Dan Take Pledge

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up right in the way, but he got around that by inventing the jump-turn. He might have invented the snowplow, too, but it would have slowed him down. And there were a lot of other details he didn't have time to attend to just then. For instance, you couldn't expect him to think of a chair-lift, because there was no reason for him to go back up the mountain. Anyway, he had invented skiing, and that was a good day's work, even for Paul Bunyan.

Not Publicized

For several reasons, it didn't become popular as a sport at once. In the first place, when they heard that deafening roar coming nearer and nearer, most of the men thought it was an avalanche, and Dutch Jake and Dirty Dan went so far as to take the pledge. It did not look like fun, to be high-tailing it down a big mountain, with a blizzard trying to catch up. It still doesn't, unless you are a skier. And Paul had a job to do and a living to make, so he didn't admit that he had enjoyed himself. The men would have been off sliding down hills and hollering to each other, when they should have been felling trees.

Just the same, Paul Bunyan was the man who invented skiing. Ask anybody in the western country.

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ships at Lake Placid and Aspen, Colorado, in February.

Gretchen's expenses for her nationwide tour are being borne by the management of the Union Pacific Railroad, owners of Sun Valley Lodge.

The quota for the fund is \$18,000 and the Olympic champion was given a good start as a fund-raiser at a party in New York sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Starr of New York and Stowe, when she was presented with a check for \$1,000 by Sepp Ruschp, general manager of the Mt. Mansfield Hotel Company, of which Mr. Starr is a prominent stockholder.

Gretchen says that anyone desiring to aid this worthy cause may send checks to her at Sun Valley, made payable to the National Ski Association, FIS Training Fund.

World Championships

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Feb. 13 — Men's Giant Slalom

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Utah Resort Stands At Gates Of Fame

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Temporary Climax

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After opening for the 1948-49 season on a slow and disappointing note, the Sunday ski crowds began to grow and grow.

New Growth

Many factors contributed to the growth of the crowds. The installation of the lifts and tows, the construction of the lodge, and the state maintenance of open roads, made it possible. Utah University's unique ski classes for hundreds of students during weekdays, and promotion of slalom and downhill racing heightened interest. But it was the unparalleled excellence of the powder snow, cast in a setting of natural beauty that kept them coming back — and bringing friends along.



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